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Margaret Froelich  
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July 8, 1970

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I do not now know what my address will be, but it is all right to send <sup>care of</sup> ~~to~~ Kirby Page, Junior, at Linden, California, at 4893 N. Duncan Road. He is the older of the two children, and he will probably have to shoulder the burdens of being oldest when I am no longer here.

Cordially yours,

Alma Page

(Mrs. Kirby Page.)

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Kirby Page file in library office  
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July 7, 1967. 2101 Sapota Dr.,  
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Dear Mr. Denton:

I have your letter of the 6th and hasten to reply.

The Kirby Page papers were given to the School of Theology Library to be used as they see fit. Certainly, it is all right to photocopy certain papers for Mr. De Benedetti. In the future you have permission to do so whenever you see fit and proper to so do.

I am happy that someone is able to use these papers, and wish that I could be of more help. Perhaps someone at the Fellowship of Reconciliation Box 271, Nyack, New York, could be of some help, if Mr. De Benedetti has not already contacted them.

Sincerely,

Alma Page

Alma Page

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## KIRBY PAGE PAPERS

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The Kirby Page Collection  
Report of Work Done Spring-Summer, 1978  
by Randi Jones Walker

In continuing the work begun by Charles Chatfield in 1960, the correspondence was arranged in chronological order except for some undated material. This material which by association with other material in the collection or by its relation to events whose date was known could be assigned a date of a specific year, was put in undated files at the end of each year's material. Other undated material could be located within a decade and was placed in folders at the beginning of each decade's material. Finally there was some material which could not in this general arrangement, be located in any particular period and was therefore placed in files at the end of the collection. Envelopes were placed in one file and are of value for their address information and stamps. Metal clips and staples were removed from all material in the collection. Chatfield's preliminary description of the collection is complete until the late thirties, and his preliminary description was completed for the rest of the collection following his pattern.

Further work must be done on the collection if it is to be of service to a large number of people. Several recommendations can be made at this time.

1. A decision needs to be made about the separation of material in the collection into categories such as correspondence (to Page, from Page, and Family correspondence) clippings, reminders, notes, address lists etc., copies of articles, pamphlets, church bulletins, cards, schedules, itineraries, statements, invoices and receipts, official documents and photographs. The question of enclosures with letters would have to be considered. For instance, would a pamphlet

enclosed with a letter be considered part of the letter? The papers also vary in quality and separation of the material into the above categories also tends to separate qualities of paper. This would help in preventing deterioration of some of the correspondence.

2. It is important that the undated materials be studied carefully to determine dates and placed in chronological order. Clearly this would have to be done by someone willing to become familiar with the collection and with Kirby Page.

3. The decision needs to be made soon, whether or not to do any microfilming of the collection. The paper of items before 1940 is becoming brittle and in many cases is chipping away. Some deterioration is noticeable after 1940 as well. Aside from preservation, microfilming would also make the collection more accessible.

4. If it is decided that the description is not adequate for the use the collection receives, a catalogue should be made. The following procedure, making use of a computer program would be the most efficient way of generating a catalogue and complete set of indices.

A. Assign each item a number. To make location easier, a system might be devised to incorporate the year in which it is found, like 1942-1, 1942-2, etc. If the files are separated into the categories mentioned in 1 above, a letter prefix might be used to indicate that category.

B. Along with the number, the date, category of material, author, person to whom it is addressed (if applicable), and the subject(s) which are considered in the item. Assigning subjects would again be a job for a person familiar with Page, the collection, and the early 20th century movements in which he was involved.

C. Use the computer program to generate and print the

following indices: a chronological catalogue of the collection including in each entry the above information, and an author, recipient, and subject index.

Besides the obvious necessity of using the collection to write a biography of Kirby Page, there are several other topics which might be pursued as term papers or other projects.

Christian Pacifism in the First Half of the 20th Century  
Assumptions of Christian Socialists about American society  
Spiritual life of a Social Activist  
The Fellowship of Reconciliation  
The effect of "reactionary hysteria" on the social gospel'  
movement and liberal Christian practice  
Biographical sketch of Alma Page  
Page's use or rejection of the media of the time  
The short conference with an outside speaker as a model for  
Christian social conscienceness raising  
Page's understanding of economics and international relations  
Biblical and theological resources and methodologies used by Page  
in forming his positions  
The Emergency Peace Campaign  
A case study in the large scale distribution of inexpensive  
religious literature  
Pacifism in the Disciples Church in the early 20th century.  
1934 Poll on the Pacifist leanings of ministers  
Liberal Christianity's disillusionment over the failure of  
socialism and pacifism to prevent WW II.  
Page's response to the outbreak of WW II.  
Strategy of pacifists in the thirties in trying to prevent war.  
The development of Page's pacifist thought from 1917  
The influence of world travels on Page's perception of his times  
The integration of personal and social gospel in Kirby Page's  
practice and thought  
Page's use of politics compared with - say- that of Reinhold Niebuhr  
The story of the Koinonia Farm in Georgia in the late 1950's

The above list contains only a partial list of possibilities.

The Completion of the Preliminary Description of  
the Kirby Page Collection  
Charles Chatfield 1908-1937  
Randi Jones Walker 1937-1958 and undated material

Since Chatfield did his work on the collection, the files have been moved from boxes to file cabinets, where they are found in the following arrangement:

Drawer 1	1908-1925
Drawer 2	1926-1933
Drawer 3	1934-1938
Drawer 4	1939-1942
Drawer 5	1943-1950
Drawer 6	1951-1958
Drawer 7	Manuscripts and Clippings and Envelopes
Drawer 8	Clippings and Tape of Page's last speech

It is important to note that after 1940 copies of Page's letters to people are no longer found. There are a few, but aside from family correspondence there is little to indicate what his own thoughts were. There are also several places where large gaps exist in the material or Page was extraordinarily inactive during those periods.

- 1937 - Emergency Peace Campaign, peace movements, publications, speaking F.O.R.
- 1938- Publications, Speaking, neutrality legislation, Sherwood Eddy on the Soviet Union, Spiritual resources conference at Estes Park
- 1939- Publications, speaking, death of his brother, F.O.R. Pessimism as to outcome of European war, keeping U.S. out of war, opposition.
- 1940- Publications, speaking, registration and draft, F.O.R. Institute of International Relations
- 1941- Publications and speaking, registration issue, series of religious retreats preparatory to the coming of war, reaction to entrance into war.
- 1942- Jan 1 letter reaffirms his Christian faith, reaction to entrance into war, publications and speaking, C.O.'s problem, Civil rights of Japanese Americans, F.O.R., A.F.S.C. 1 day conferences, interest in World Government
- Large gaps in material Oct. - Dec. 1941 to July 1943.
- 1943- Publications, F.O.R., Reactions to War. Series of Spiritual retreats
- 1944- A.F.S.C., retreats, speaking, publications, F.O.R., 1 day conferences, race relations, interest in post war settlements Just and lasting peace, Large Gap Aug. - Dec. 1944

- 1945- A.F.S.C., F.O.R., Publications, speaking, just and lasting peace
- 1946- F.O.R., Speaking and publications, world government and prevention of WW III, interest in peace settlements, beginning work against atomic weapons, A.F.S.C. 1 day conferences, reactions to Stalin's Soviet expansion,
- 1947- Very Sparse, 1 folder - Speaking on Russia
- 1948- Very Sparse, 1 folder - speaking and publications, understanding Russia, and concern about Atomic weapons.
- 1949- Still sparse, Sherwood Eddy on India and other areas, Use of small groups, speaking and publications, problems of C.O.'s A.F.S.C.
- 1950- Sherwood Eddy's American Seminar, speaking, F.O.R., publications, Use of broadcasting, concern over U.S. relations to Russia, A.F.S.C. 1 day conference, Korean Crisis, pacifism.
- 1951- 1 folder - A.F.S.C. 1 day conference, threat of world wide communism, speaking and publications, A.F.S.C. 5 day missions on living creatively, concern about Atomic War
- 1952- 1 folder - A.F.S.C. conferences, Christianity's answer to Communism
- 1953- speaking, publications, A.F.S.C. conferences, newspaper column Religion in Life, reactions to his article "Is Stalin more Powerful than God", work on Eddy biography.
- 1954- Honored by Disciples Peace Fellowship, newspaper column, speaking, publications, continued concern over Atomic War, Eddy Biography
- Unusually large amount of undated material, registration blanks for Special Spiritual Explorations for ministers, several manuscripts.
- 1955- speaking, publications, A.F.S.C., South American relations
- 1956- Speaking, publications, race relations, peace, spiritual retreats, Koinonia Farm (Integrated Christian Community in Georgia)
- 1957- Arrangements for European tour, speaking, pacifism.  
Correspondence from Summer Tour found mostly in Family file.  
Kirby Page died in December 1957.
- 1958- Manuscript - "I Ran Across these Illustrations"

There follow several folders containing undated material which did not clearly fit into the above chronology, containing drafts of talks, manuscripts, lists of addresses and itineraries, clippings, and miscellaneous correspondence including 2 files of family correspondence

Undated 1920's File --- Correspondence with Mott, Eddy and Alma,  
mailing lists and manuscript "London Mass Meeting"

Undated 1930's File -- Correspondence over International affairs,  
clippings, mailing lists, bibliography for a class, Walter  
Van Kirk interview with Roosevelt about immigration restrictions  
for oriental people, Sherwood Eddy's "Lawless Arkansas" on race  
relations.

Undated 1940's file -- "Why I am still a Pacifist" parts of letters  
and programs of events where Page spoke.

Undated 1950's 2 Files -- 2 copies of "Turning on God's Power", "The  
Faith of a Christian Pacifist", a speaking engagement schedule,  
"Red-Verends in the Communist "Peace Offensive " by American  
Intelligence Agency, address lists, miscellaneous correspondence,  
and items concerning spiritual retreats.

A PRELIMINARY DESCRIPTION  
of  
THE KIRBY PAGE COLLECTION  
held by  
The Southern California School of Theology  
Claremont, California

-Charles Chatfield-

- I. Kirby Page: Biographical Note
- II. The Page Collection

- A. History
- B. Description
- C. Analysis by Correspondent

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I. Kirby Page: 1890-1957

Kirby Page described himself as a social evangelist. He was an able secretary to the General Secretary of the Houston, Texas Y.M.C.A. before college, and an organizer of Y.M.C.A. and Student Volunteer groups during his four years at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He interrupted his graduate program at the University of Chicago to become personal secretary to Sherwood Eddy, an international secretary of the Y.M.C.A., and to begin a life-long intimate and fruitful association. After war work, an evangelistic trip to China, and a successful pastorate in a working-class neighborhood of New York City, Page launched his free-lance campaign of social evangelism.

At first this campaign was supported by Eddy, but shortly Page was able to finance his work. Its media were constant nation-wide speaking tours, voluminous publications, and editorship of the liberal The World Tomorrow between 1926 and 1934.

He participated actively in the Federal Council of Churches, cooperated with Friends' social programs and with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, pressed his peace program within his own church, the Disciples of Christ, and gave his support to the Socialist Party under his friend, Norman Thomas. For twenty years his emphases were divided among vigorous pacifism, socialism, and social Christianity. In the thirties he stressed especially religious pacifism and peace. After World War II his message emphasized personal religion and its social implications.

Kirby Page's devoted friends were many. Perhaps his closest friends in his youth were Sidney Gamble, Harold Gray, and Maxwell Chaplin, with whom he had been in war work in Europe, and with whom he formulated his pacifist position. Perhaps his closer working associates of the later periods were Henry Hitt Crane, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Devere Allen from 1926 to 1934, Ray Newton in 1936 and 1937, Allan Hunter from the thirties on, and of course Sherwood Eddy. The companion closest and most influential on his life was his wife, Mary Alma.

Page's personal life was deeply religious. He emphasized prayer and meditation, but always in relation to living rather than after-life only. He took Christianity very seriously. He lived prayerfully, joyously, courageously, triumphantly, creatively, to use the titles of some of his books.

He was a tall man, whose penetrating blue eyes, kindly manner, gentle speech, and personal concern disposed several of his acquaintances to speak of him as "saintly." On the platform he spoke quietly and deliberately, though firmly. He often threw facts to his audience in rapid-fire order. He seemed to enjoy discussion most of all, and was at his best in answering questions. An integral part of his technique was personal conferences apart from the groups he visited.

A biography must be written before Kirby Page's influence can be measured even approximately. And much independent research must be done before a biography can be written. It is certain that he was one of the most effective and articulate pacifists. His books and their circulation testify to that fact, as his influence in the conversions of Harry Emerson Fosdick and Charles Clayton Morrison to pacifism illustrate it. It is equally certain that his conferences with students on behalf of social Christianity were fruitful. His correspondence further testifies to his inspiration of deeper religious life in others.

His papers are instructive in the socialist-communist-fascist-patriot conflict in the thirties, and in the history of pacifism, and social and liberal Protestantism.

## II. The Page Collection: History

Kirby Page died December 16, 1957. After an appropriate time, Librarian Elton E. Shell and Dean Earl Cranston (of the Southern California School of Theology) contacted Mrs. Page through friends and through her son-in-law, Walt Raitt, regarding disposition of the Kirby Page papers. Prior to his death, Page had indicated his desire to establish a chair of preaching at the seminary and also to donate his library. He had spoken there several times, and was a close friend of the Dean.

The library and papers of Kirby Page were acquired from Mrs. Alma Page in two lots, the first by Earl Cranston, Leland Carlson, and Elton E. Shell on April 30, 1960, and the second lot by Elton E. Shell on June 25, 1960. They were tentatively arranged in August and September, 1960, by Charles Chatfield, author of this description.

## II. The Page Collection: Description

The Collection includes about ten shelf-feet of correspondence, two and-a-half feet of clippings, and fifteen shelf-inches of manuscripts of writings. In addition about 330 books were received from the Page library. The Seminary holds a nearly complete file of Page's twenty-eight published

books and many pamphlets, lacking at this time a few translations and Imperialism and Nationalism (N.Y.: George Doran Company, 1925). This holding includes five privately bound volumes of pamphlets. The Seminary also holds a bound copy of Page's unpublished autobiography, written in the early nineteen-fifties.

The papers were very badly disarranged when acquired. They are now arranged chronologically by year, and chronologically within the year through 1934. The chronological arrangement seems most helpful in view of the lack of the elaborate cross-indexing necessary to useful topical organization. It is hoped that the following description may be a helpful supplement to the chronological organization of the papers.

CONTAINER:  
BOX 1.

1908-1915. Kirby Page's young manhood, including college. Material covers especially his relationship to Alma Folse Page, his activities in college, Y.M.C.A. activities, and family affairs. 6 inches.

FOLDER:

Family history. Memorabilia collected by Kirby Page.

Pictures of Kirby Page, some dated by Mrs. Page in 1960.

1908-1910. Personal corr. w. Alma Folse & Page's mother.

1911. Personal corr. Recommendations to Drake & Des Moines; letters from associates at Houston Y.M.C.A.; Leak Page to Kirby and mother; Kirby to mother and Perry Page; Alma to Kirby.

1912. Personal corr. w. mother, Leak, I. E. Munger et al in Houston, Dr. Charles Medbury at Drake, Alma.

1913. Personal corr. w. mother, Perry, Leak, Alma. Houston newspaper clipping of Page's first recorded speech.

1914. Personal corr. w. mother, Alma (married Sept. 2).

1915. Personal corr. w. Alma to mother Page and Leak, Kirby to Yale and University of Chicago; two term papers done for class in Social Teachings of Jesus, at Drake; transcripts fr. Drake University & Massey Bus. Coll.

1916-1920. Page's war work and Asia evangelistic campaign as personal secretary to Sherwood Eddy; development of Page's pacifism; pastorate at Ridgewood, N.Y.; marking his transition to social & economic problems. 9 inches.

1916. Personal corr. w. Alma and family; some Sherwood Eddy corr., incl. letters fr. war zone; much about Eddy; evangelistic campaign in England; corr. w. Harold Gray, Henry Hodgkin, Peter Ainslie et al re. mss. of Page's first pacifist writing, "Jesus and the Taking of Human Life."

BOX 1

1917. Personal corr. w. Alma, family & friends re. Y.M.C.A. war work w. Eddy in Eng. and France, & re. future after employment w. Eddy ends; ministry at Ridgewood, N.Y.; 3 pp. paper, "The Sword or the Cross," c. Oct., 1917.

1918. Letters to family & friends fr. trip w. Eddy to China & Japan; fr. Sidney Gamble in China & Rex Cole in Japan; re. Ridgewood pastorate; corr. re. pacifism w. Harold Gray, Max Chaplin, & R. E. Kinsell.

1919. Letters to family, friends re. community work at Ridgewood; corr. re. publ. of "Something More," and "The Sword or the Cross;" corr. Eddy & Harold Gray re. pacifism.

1920. Corr. re. work at Ridgewood; anticipated campaign w. Eddy for social & industrial justice; publications.

BOX 2

1921-1925. Page enters social-gospel evangelism as a free-lance researcher, speaker and writer. 9 inches.

FOLDER:

1921. Corr. re. social justice campaign & articles for it on "Industrial Facts" & "United States Steel Corporation;" re. social concern within Disciples; re. the International Fellowship for Christianizing the Social Order (F.C.S.O.).

1922. Corr. re. publ. in the Doran "Christianity and Industry Series," & other publ.; F.C.S.O.; corr. w. family; Conference on the Christian Way; fr. Eddy on his Asian industrial Christianity tour.

1923. Corr. re. publ. (esp. War) and speaking; w. family & friends; F.C.S.O. & Conference on Christian Way; international views; Eddy's world tour & American Seminar.

1924. Corr. w. Eddy & re. American Seminar in England; publ. & speaking; the political scene; F.C.S.O.; peace movement in the churches, esp. the Disciples.

1925. Corr. re. publ. & speaking; colleges campaign for World Court, World Court issue; F.C.S.O.; Disciples & Peace.

1926-1929. Page becomes editor of The World Tomorrow, and continues campaign for social justice, emphasizing international problems & pacifism. 6 inches.

1926. Corr. re. publ. & speaking; World Tomorrow; The World Court campaign; F.C.S.O.; corr. w. friends in China & plans for tour of the Far East.

1927. Corr. re. publ. & speaking; World Tomorrow; The Outlawry of War; Eddy's difficulties in Y.M.C.A.; F.C.S.O.; attacks on Page & charges of communism by various groups including "Scabbard and Blade."

## BOX 2

1928. Corr. re. publ. & speaking, incl. clippings & public attacks; Outlawry of War; World Tomorrow.

1929. Corr. re. publ. & speaking; World Tomorrow.

1921-1928. Corr. re. & fr. S. Eddy American Seminars to Europe.

## BOX 3

1929-1933. Page continues as editor of World Tomorrow, and a member of the S. Eddy American Seminar. 15 inches.

## FOLDER:

1929-1930. Corr. re. & fr. Eddy American Seminar and Page's world tour with Alma, Sept., 1929 - June, 1930.

1930. Corr. w. family; threatened suspension of World Tomorrow; conditions abroad in Japan and England; corr. re. publ. & speaking; Fellowship of Reconciliation; death of Page's father.

1931. Corr. w. family.

1931. Corr. re. World Tomorrow; conditions abroad & the Japanese-Chinese crisis; publ. & speaking, incl. attacks by American Legion and others.

1932. Corr. w. family (two folders).

1932. Corr. re. World Tomorrow, reorganization of editorial staff & policy; re. publ. & speaking; socialism & politics.

1933. Corr. re. family (two folders).

1933. Corr. re. World Tomorrow, financial crisis; re. publ. & speaking; radical Christianity; overseas reports.

## BOX 4

1934-1935. Page continues as editor until World Tomorrow suspends in summer of 1934; goes into free lance speaking and writing. The papers are not chronologically arranged within the years after 1934. 13 inches.

1934. Corr. w. family.

1934. Corr. re. publ. & speaking; closing out World Tomorrow and merger in Christian Century; increasing corr. re. Fellowship of Reconciliation (F.O.R.); re Page's new work and moving to California.

1934. "Confidential Summary of Replies from 20,870 Clergymen" to a poll on pacifism taken by Page; this is a signed copy of the report from Apfel & Englander, C.F.A.

1935. Corr. w. family.

1935. Corr. re. publ. & speaking, incl. writing for Christian Century; attacks; beginnings of the Emergency Peace Campaign & "No-War-Movement."

BOX 5

1936-1938. The Emergency Peace Campaign and drives to Keep America Out of War, & awaken the nation to international and political-economic problems. 12 inches.

FOLDER:

1936. Corr. w. family.

1936. Corr. re. Emergency Peace Campaign (E.P.C.); publ. & speaking; A. J. Muste's break with Communism and return to pacifism. Eddy Delta Farm project; neutrality legislation.

1937. Corr. w. family.

1937. Corr. re. E.P.C.; peace movements; publ. & speaking.

1938. Corr. w. family.

1938. Corr. re. publ. & speaking; neutrality legislation.

BOX 6

1939-1940. Efforts to Keep America Out of War, neutrality legislation, conscription, and the European war. 15 inches.

1939. Corr. w. family (two folders).

1939. Corr. re. publ. & speaking; keeping out of war; neutrality, and reactions to European war.

1940. Corr. w. family.

1940. Corr. re. publ. & speaking; registration & draft.

BOX 7. 1941. Page shifts his efforts to preparing Americans spiritually for the war he sees as imminent. 15 inches.

1941. Corr. w. family.

1941. Corr. re. publ. & speaking; registration issue; series of religious retreats preparatory to the coming of war; reaction to entrance into war.

BOX 8. 1942-1945. Corr. 15 inches.

BOX 9. 1946-1950. Corr. 15 inches.

BOX 10. 1951-1955. Corr. 15 inches.

BOX 11. 1956-1957, & n.d. Corr. 6 inches. Folders of undated papers. 4 inches.

BOX 12. Writings. Typed mss. of some of Kirby Page's writings. 15 inches.  
Includes:

1. Three drafts of the Sherwood Eddy biography,
2. Some chapters of Eddy's autobiography which Page "stylized."
3. Corr. w. Eddy relative to the above.
4. Collections of material & depositions re. Eddy.
5. Corr. re. publ. & preparation of the Eddy works.
6. Several drafts of Page's autobiography. Most of these are partial.  
See bound draft in collection.
7. Kirby Page, "Living with Peace of Mind," and other prose.
8. Kirby Page, poetical devotionals and prayers.
9. Kirby Page, partial mss. of books.
10. Mss. Kirby Page, "The Christian Citizen."
11. Mss. Kirby Page, "The Will of God."
12. Typed drafts of several articles & addresses.
13. Articles published by Kirby Page.

BOX 13. Clippings. Clippings, especially from magazines; articles by and about Page; attacks and defenses of pacifism; miscellany. 15 inches.

BOX 14 Clippings, 1922-1939. News notices, bulletins, book reviews, addresses; especially relating to the E.P.C. 15 inches.

Abbreviations used in the above description:

re., regarding; corr., correspondence; fr., from; w., with; c., about;  
publ., publication (s).

## II. The Page Collection: Analysis by Correspondents

The following is a tentative analysis of the Page papers by principal correspondents through 1941. It is approximate, there having been no time to check accuracy. It omits by oversight the name of Maxwell Chaplin who should certainly rank with the first twenty of Page's correspondents. It omits by design family correspondence. In addition to those listed by number, there are letters to and from the following notable persons:

Peter Ainslie	E. Stanley Jones	Raymond Robbins
Samuel Z. Batten	Faul Jones	Bernadotte Schmitt
Charles F. Boss	Halford E. Luccock	James T. Shotwell
Clarence M. Case	S. O. Levinson	Roy L. Smith
Harold Chance	Frederick Libby	William E. Sweet
Allan K. Chalmers	Albert McLeod	Charles P. Taft
Dorothy Detzer	Fred A. Moore	Walter Van Kirk
Harold Stone Hull	Scott Nearing	E. Raymond Wilson
Paul Hutchinson	Clarence Pickett	J. Stitt Wilson

The Page Collection (Cont.)  
Analysis by Correspondents  
1916 - 1941

Total pieces included:	Correspondent:	Year:1916	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	'25	'26
63	Allen, Devere	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
24	Crane, Henry Hitt*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
459	Eddy, Sherwood*	30	11	22	5	16	3	35	50	32	18	6
71	Fey, Harold	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Fosdick, Harry E	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	3	2	-	2
79X	Gamble, Sidney	X	X	X	X	X	X	10	15	8	9	8
88	Gray, Harold*	4	1	11	-	7	3	6	7	4	8	3
17	Holmes, John H.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	-
22	Hunter, Allan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
82	Morrison, Charles C.	-	-	1	2	16	10	5	2	10	3	6
17	Muste, A. J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58X	Newton, Ray	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41X	Niebuhr, Reinhold*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
11	Oxnam, G. Bromley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
81	Sayre, Nevin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	X
26	Seaman, Gayle	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
21	Taylor, Alva	-	-	-	-	-	7	2	6	2	4	-
34	Thomas, Norman	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Ward, Harry F.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1

	1927	'28	'29	'30	'31	'32	'33	'34	'35	'36	'37	'38	'39	'40	'41
Allen, D.	2	-	3	12	7	8	3	7	4	2	4	1	3	5	-
Crane, H.H.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	13	1	-	2	1	2	2
Eddy, S.	16	6	1	3	18	10	7	18	34	39	28	16	17	8	10
Fey, H.	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	16	15	5	7	19	3	1
Fosdick, H.	2	1	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	7	11	-	-	1	-
Gamble, S.	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	3	5	1	2	8	4	1	-
Gray, H.S.	-	-	1	-	2	-	8	10	3	1	2	4	1	1	1
Holmes, J.H.	-	3	-	4	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hunter, A.	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	2	-	5	-	-	1	6	3
Morrison, C.	6	5	-	1	-	2	-	8	1	-	-	1	-	2	1
Muste, A.J.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	4	9
Newton, R.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	28	22	-	2	5	1
Niebuhr, R.	X	2	-	1	4	9	3	8	9	3	-	2	-	-	-
Oxnam, G.B.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	2
Sayre, N.	3	-	-	2	7	3	2	6	11	2	5	9	11	8	7
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Taylor, A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thomas, N.	-	-	-	3	3	2	1	5	3	2	-	5	-	7	1
Ward, H.F.	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	8	-	-	1	-	-

\* indicates "family included."

X indicates "some pieces."

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picture of Kirby Page?

1 message

Linda McKiernan-Allen <lmckiern@juno.com>  
To: library@cst.edu

Thu, May 30, 2013 at 8:04 AM

Greetings, Friends,

I'm working with Disciples Peace Fellowship (DPF) on a Kirby Page Internship Endowment fund. I'm looking for a picture of Kirby Page, and am hoping you might have one you in your Kirby Page collection in the Archives of Historic Figures.

Is it possible for you to scan and email to me a picture of this radical Disciple peacemaker? We're eager to put a brochure together for our General Assembly gathering in mid July, so hope to have picture ASAP.

I look forward to hearing back from you, and am hopeful you'll be able to help.

thanks!

Linda McKiernan-Allen  
DPF member and pastor, West Street Christian Church, Tipton, Indiana

It isn't enough to talk about peace, one must believe it.  
And it isn't enough to to believe in it, one must work for it.  
- Eleanor Roosevelt

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## Kirby Page Papers

2 messages

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**Mauro, Sari C <MAUROS@etown.edu>**

Tue, Nov 16, 2010 at 6:01 PM

To: "reference@cst.edu" &lt;reference@cst.edu&gt;

I am writing on behalf of Michael G. Long, editor of "Christian Peace and Nonviolence: A Documentary History," who has asked me to contact you regarding the copyright restrictions on essays written by Kirby Page.

Dr. Long would very much like to include "The Faith of a Christian Pacifist" by Kirby Page, originally published in the periodical "Christianity and Crisis," in his book. Since "Christianity and Crisis" is no longer extant, Dr. Long was wondering if there are restrictions on publication of Page's writings, and if so, who we need to contact for copyright permission.

"Christian Peace and Nonviolence" will be published in the spring of 2011 by Orbis Books, is 160,000 words and will appear in paperback in a first printing of 1,500 copies, selling for \$40.

Any information you could provide about the copyright status of this work would be very much appreciated.

Sari Mauro

Elizabethtown College  
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Department of Religious Studies

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**Betty Clements <bclements@cst.edu>**

Tue, Nov 23, 2010 at 5:13 PM

To: "Mauro, Sari C" &lt;MAUROS@etown.edu&gt;

Hello, Sari,

I apologize for taking a week to respond to your request. I wanted to look through the Kirby Page Collection, as well as our files on it, before sending this email.

I assume that you are doing the due diligence needed before proceeding with the inclusion of Page's article, obviously an "orphan work," in Dr. Long's collection -- per section 4.75 of *The Chicago Manual of Style* (16th ed.) on "The missing copyright owner" -- and I want to give you all the possibly relevant information I can.

After Kirby Page's death, his widow, Mrs. Alma Page, gave his papers to the School of Theology and subsequently asked that the Library determine who should use the collection and generally be in charge of permissions. However, this mandate covers only the *unpublished* materials written by Kirby Page himself. The situation with the article published in *Christianity & Crisis* provides a good illustration not only of the "orphan works problem" but also of the etiquette, so to speak, of academic journal publishing at the mid-century (not to mention the awkward relationship between Page and Reinhold Niebuhr after Niebuhr's change of heart regarding pacifism with the rise of the Nazis to power in the late thirties). In the Page collection I found a carbon copy of Page's note to Niebuhr submitting the article, and a couple of formal letters from the C&C editorial board about its publication. I've attached copies. As you can see, there is no mention of any copyright provisions such as one would expect today, nor is there any mention of copyright ownership in the C&C issues themselves.

As you are probably aware, in the final issues of C&C, in 1993, there is no provision for such matters as permissions to reprint articles. I understand that the C&C papers were (not surprisingly) deposited in the Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary in New York, that library now being part of the Columbia University library system. I do not know how completely the papers might have been organized or whether they would contain anything at all useful in your search.

Page had two children, a son and a daughter, who were adults with children of their own by 1950. I have the address of Kirby Page, Jr., in 1974, but no information at all since that time. It is possible, though perhaps not likely, that the Disciples of Christ Historical Society or the Fellowship of Reconciliation might have more information about Page's family (<http://www.discipleshistory.org> and <http://forusa.org>).

My own personal opinion, after many perusals of various parts of the Page collection here, is that Page would be delighted by the inclusion of one of his writings in such a work as Dr. Long is compiling, and I hope that you will decide to go ahead with it. Page certainly deserves to be represented there.

Cordially,

Betty Clements

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July 18, 1950.

Dear Reinie:

Here is a short article which I hope you will share with the readers of Christianity and Crisis.

I cannot refrain from telling you again how I treasure the memories of our experiences while you were in Detroit and during the days of work together on The World Tomorrow. It has been a source of distress to me that our friendship has not been so intimate in recent years. You and Ursula are often in my prayers.

Affectionately,

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Mr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

At our Editorial Board meeting I was asked to write you concerning your recent submission, "The Faith of a Christian Pacifist."

With your permission, we would like to hold the article with the hope of using it when our space permits.

Sincerely yours,

*Gloster Morris*  
(Mrs.) Gloster Morris

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Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

We have been holding your article on pacifism trying to secure a symposium stating the various positions. We are hoping that the symposium will be ready for publication in the November 13th issue.

Sincerely yours,

*Gloster Morris*  
(Mrs.) Gloster Morris

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## Conducting research in the Kirby Page papers

2 messages

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Michael Thompson <michael.g.thompson03@gmail.com>

Wed, May 13, 2009 at 9:44 PM

To: reference@cst.edu

Attention: Special Collections  
Library, Claremont School of Theology

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Michael Thompson. I am a PhD candidate in History at the University of Sydney in Australia. I am planning a research trip to the United States in late June and early July of this year, and I just wanted to inquire about the possibility of conducting research in the Kirby Page papers, held in the Special Collections of the Claremont School of Theology Library.

My dissertation is on the history of the *World Tomorrow* magazine--of which Page was editor from 1926 to 1934. I suspect his papers will provide valuable insights.

I wanted to ask, firstly, whether it would be possible to access the papers. The dates I hope to be in Claremont are from Tuesday 30 June to Thursday 2nd of July. Secondly, I wanted to ask whether it would be possible to see an electronic copy of the finding guide for the Page papers--or any material that would give some indication as to the contents of the collection. I would appreciate any help you can give in this regard, as it will help my planning greatly.

Thank you very much for your time and help.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,  
Michael Thompson

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Betty Clements <bclements@cst.edu>

Thu, May 14, 2009 at 2:21 PM

To: Michael Thompson <michael.g.thompson03@gmail.com>

Hello, Michael,

We would be very glad for you to be here on the dates you have in mind. As you are planning, please be aware that although the Library is open until 8:00 p.m., you will be able to use the Page papers only from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., when professional library staff are here.

Our finding list for this collection is very old; however, I will scan it and send it to you as soon as possible (probably tomorrow rather than today). We are in the process of reorganizing some of the materials in the collection because it is being used more and more frequently, but we will continue to use the old finding list as the basic guide, at least for a while.

I'm sure that you are correct about the usefulness of the papers for your dissertation.

Cordially,

[Quoted text hidden]

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1921-25

1926-29

Box 3

1929-33 folders,

cop 1929-1930

Box 12 writings

1. Sherwood Eddy biography
3. correspondence w/ Eddy
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**Preliminary update of finding aid, incorporating notes from the earlier descriptions  
by Charles Chatfield and by Randi Jones Walker**

**(Betty Clements, Reference Librarian, November 2009)**

[DESCRIPTIONS OF BOXES 1 – 3 TO BE INSERTED HERE]

**BOX 4: 1934 - 1935**

**1934.** Page continues as editor until World Tomorrow suspends in summer 1934, and merges with Christian Century; goes into free-lance speaking and writing.

Correspondence re Fellowship of Reconciliation (F.O.R.) increases. Page and family move to California. Also included: "Confidential Summary of Replies from 20,870 Clergymen" to a poll on pacifism taken by Page (report signed by Apfel & Englander, CPA).

8 files of miscellaneous materials (clippings, notes, brochures, etc.) and correspondence:

January – February

March – April

May – June

July – August

September – October

November – December

Undated [1934]

Family 1934

**1935.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re publications and speaking engagements; writing for Christian Century; attacks on Page and pacifism; beginnings of the Emergency Peace Campaign and "No-War Movement."

11 files:

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August – October

November – December

Undated [1935]

Family 1935

## **BOX 5: 1936 – 1938**

**1936.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re Emergency Peace Campaign (E.P.C.); publications and speaking; A.J. Muste's break with Communism and return to pacifism; Sherwood Eddy's Delta Farm project; neutrality legislation.

6 files:

January – March

April – June

July – September

October – December

Undated [1936]

Family 1936

**1937.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re Emergency Peace Campaign; peace movements; publications and speaking engagements.

5 files:

January – March

April – August

September – December

Undated [1937]

Family 1937

**1938.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re publications and speaking; neutrality legislation; Sherwood Eddy on the Soviet Union; spiritual resources conference at Estes Park, Colorado.

7 files:

January – February

March – April

May – June

July – September

October – December

Undated [1938]

Family 1938

## **BOX 6: 1939 – 1940**

**1939.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re publications and speaking; F.O.R.; pessimism about outcome of European war; keeping the U.S. out of war; neutrality legislation; opposition. Page's brother Leak is suddenly killed in Dec., and sister-in-law critically injured.

8 files:

January – February

March – April

May – August

September – October

November – December  
Undated [1939]  
Family 1939  
Family Undated [1939]

**1940.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re publications and speaking; registration and draft; F.O.R.; Institute of International Relations.

10 files:

Undated [1940s]  
January – February  
March – April  
May – June  
July – August  
September – October  
November – December  
Undated [1940]  
Family 1940  
Family Undated [1940]

#### **BOX 7: 1941 – 1942**

**1941.** Page shifts his efforts to preparing Americans spiritually for the war he sees as imminent. Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re publications and speaking; registration issue; series of religious retreats preparatory to the coming of war; reaction to entrance into war.

14 files:

January  
February  
March  
April  
May  
June – July  
August  
September  
October  
November  
December  
Undated [1941]  
Family 1941  
Family undated

**1942.** January 1 letter reaffirms his Christian faith. Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re reaction to entrance into war; publications and speaking; problems of

conscientious objectors; civil rights of Japanese Americans; F.O.R.; American Friends Service Committee one-day conferences; interest in World Government.

11 files:

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August – September

October – December

Undated [1942]

Family 1942

### **BOX 8: 1943 – 1949**

**1943.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re publications; F.O.R.; reactions to war; series of spiritual retreats.

4 files:

January – June

July – December

Undated [1943]

Family 1943

**1944.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re American Friends Service Committee; retreats; speaking and publications; F.O.R.; one-day conferences; race relations; interest in post-war settlements; just and lasting peace.

5 files:

January – March

April – May

June – December

Undated [1944]

Family 1944

**1945.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re American Friends Service Committee; F.O.R.; publications and speaking; just and lasting peace.

4 files:

January – October

November – December

Undated [1945]

Family 1945

**1946.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re F.O.R.; speaking and publications; world government and prevention of World War III; interest in peace settlements;

beginning work against atomic weapons; American Friends Service Committee one-day conferences; reactions to Stalin's Soviet expansion.

9 files:

January – February

March

April

May – June

July – August

September – October

November – December

Undated [1946]

Family 1946

**1947.** Very sparse: materials re speaking on Russia.

1 file

**1948.** Very sparse: materials re speaking and publications; understanding Russia; concern about atomic weapons.

1 file

**1949.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re use of small groups; Sherwood Eddy on India and other places; speaking and publications; problems of conscientious objectors; American Friends Service Committee.

3 files:

January – December

Undated [1949]

Family 1949

## **BOX 9: 1950 – 19**

**1950.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re Sherwood Eddy's American seminar; speaking and publications; F.O.R., use of broadcasting; concern over U.S. relations with Russia; American Friends Service Committee one-day conference; Korean Crisis; pacifism.

**1951.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re American Friends Service Committee one-day conference and five-day missions on living creatively; threat of worldwide Communism; speaking and publications; concern about atomic war.

1 file

**1952.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re American Friends Service Committee conferences; Christianity's answer to Communism.

1 file

**1953.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re speaking and publications; American Friends Service Committee conferences; newspaper column 'Religion in Life'; reactions to his article "Is Stalin More Powerful Than God?"; work on Eddy biography.

**1954.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re Disciples Peace Fellowship; newspaper column; speaking and publications; continued concern over atomic war; Eddy biography.

**1955.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re speaking and publications; American Friends Service Committee; South American relations.

**1956.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re speaking and publications; race relations; peace; spiritual retreats; Koinonia Farm [integrated Christian community in Georgia].

**1957.** Correspondence and miscellaneous materials re arrangements for European tour; speaking; pacifism. Kirby Page died in December 1957.